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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--2 JANUARY 1964

1. CYPRUS:

A. BRITISH PATROLS ARE MAINTAINING A TENUOUS TRUCE, BUT LOCAL INCIDENTS COULD LEAD TO LARGE-SCALE VIOLENCE.

B. THE BRITISH ARE AIRLIFTING 700 MORE TROOPS TO CYPRUS AND HAVE ALERTED A PARATROOP BRIGADE.

C. MEANWHILE, THE MILITARY PREPARATIONS OF BOTH TURKEY AND GREECE CONTINUE TO CONCERN US. IN SOUTHERN TURKEY, FORCES ARE BEING READIED FOR A POSSIBLE MOVE AGAINST CYPRUS.

D. AFTER CALLING AN EMERGENCY MEETING EARLY THIS MORNING OF THE GREEK CHIEFS OF STAFF, THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND PARTY LEADERS, PREMIER PARASKEVOPOULOS, PLACED THE ARMED FORCES ON A STATE OF "IMMEDIATE READINESS."

2. ARAB CONFERENCE:

A. AN ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE IS NOW SCHEDULED TO MEET 13 JANUARY IN CAIRO TO DEVELOP A UNIFIED ARAB RESPONSE TO ISRAELI ~~PLANS~~ PLANS TO DIVERT THE JORDAN WATERS.

B. ISRAEL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN PUMPING TESTS FOR THE PROJECT IN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY.

C. NASIR HAS BEEN AT PAINS TO SPREAD THE WORD THAT THE EGYPTIANS DO NOT CONTEMPLATE MILITARY ACTION.

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D. THE CONFERENCE, CALLED ON HIS INITIATIVE, SEEMS DESIGNED MORE TO GUARD AGAINST SOME RASH SYRIAN MOVE, TO PREPARE POLITICAL COUNTERMEASURES AND TO MEND FENCES WITH THE OTHER ARAB STATES.

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3. NATIONALIST CHINA:

A. AMBASSADOR WRIGHT DOES NOT THINK TAIPEI WILL BREAK RELATIONS WITH TOKYO OVER THE JAPANESE DECISION TO RETURN THE CHINESE COMMUNIST DEFECTOR TO THE MAINLAND.

B. NEVERTHELESS, HE DOES EXPECT SOME FURTHER LIMITED DIPLOMATIC MOVES AND SOME ACTION AGAINST JAPANESE ECONOMIC EXPERTS NOW IN TAIPEI.

C. PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK SAID IN A RATHER EMOTIONAL INTERVIEW WITH THE AMBASSADOR THAT JAPANESE HANDLING OF THE CASE WAS THE DIRECT RESULT OF US "COPDLING" OF JAPAN.

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4. NOTES:

A. USSR: AMBASSADOR KOHLER BELIEVES THAT SECRETARY MCNAMARA'S STATEMENT ON A \$1 BILLION REDUCTION IN OUR DEFENSE BUDGET MAY INFLUENCE A DECISION BY THE SOVIETS REGARDING REDUCTION OF THEIR FORCES. HE SAYS THIS MATTER IS APPARENTLY STILL UNDER DISCUSSION IN MOSCOW.

B. SAUDI ARABIA: CROWN PRINCE FAYSAL APPEARS TO HAVE WON HIS RECENT CONTEST FOR POWER WITH KING SAUD.

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E. USSR - EGYPT: KHRUSHCHEV WILL NOT VISIT CAIRO UNTIL AFTER THE ARAB SUMMIT MEETING WHICH OPENS ON 13 JANUARY.

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